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## Helpful Hints

By Anita O'Brien, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

*Presented before the Luzerne County Dental Nurses Association, October 10, 1933*

**I** AM going to try to outline briefly a few things that I think (and hope) add to my patient's comfort. I say my patient, because they *are* my patient until I turn them over to the Doctor. The way they are treated before they see him improves their regard for him and improves them as a patient.

First of all, try to keep in mind cleanliness and daintiness. You can use things today that were positively taboo a few years ago. A little make-up, a clean, sweet-smelling toilet water, nail polish on clean, well kept hands—these, along with a spic-and-span uniform, low-heeled white slippers, and nurse's cap, can't help but create the appearance of jumping out of the proverbial "Band Box," and does make one feel sure of herself.

I can't put too much emphasis on the use of deodorants. We should use them at all times, also a good mouth antiseptic, used several times a day, is very important. I would like to say right here and now you should see to it that the Doctor doesn't have an offensive breath. If you can't do it any other way than to mix a little antiseptic and say, "Have one on me," he couldn't possibly be offended.

In my particular case, I have a bottle of antiseptic in the laboratory. When I think the Doctor should, I tell him to go in the "lab"; he understands, and I know he appreciates it, too.

A patient doesn't enjoy coming in seeing something drab or smelling of medicines. They don't doubt your efficiency if you are the least bit "dolloed up."

Keep in mind "How would I like to be treated if I were this patient?" Don't hurry them with their wraps.

Sometimes (unless the patient is aged) it's best not to help them at all. They get the feeling they are being "rushed" and a torn coat lining can make them feel more uncomfortable than comfortable (and who doesn't have them these days?)

If you can, seat your patient a few minutes before Doctor is ready for them, being careful that the room you seat them in is as clean and orderly as it is possible to have it, making sure all instruments and splashes of blood are out of sight. Remove your patient's glasses and removable bridge work. Replace the glasses with dark ones (if they prefer them or if the light is unusually bright), avoid any unnecessary conversation, and *don't* commit yourself in regard to dentistry.

Be well at all times, even though you don't feel up to "par." They don't want to hear how miserable you feel. They have their own troubles.

You might be discussing the movies with someone who doesn't go for the simple reason that they don't like them. A concert, or book, with someone who doesn't care for them at all. So you must use tact at all times.

I find the weather a very safe topic of conversation. You can perform your duties and slip out by the time they get through commenting on the rain, or the beautiful sunshiny day.

Leave your patient to rest for a few minutes. When Doctor goes in, slip in quietly. Give them a paper "hanky," a clean cup of warm water with a pleasant-tasting antiseptic in it. Take their bridges, slip out quietly, and polish them.

Answer the phone promptly. Remember you wouldn't let a patient



call you three or four times without answering. The same thing applies to your phone. Your patient is calling, answer them cheerfully, never conveying any excitement that might be taking place in your office. Be as calm as if you were talking to them in person.

Never mention names to Doctor within earshot of your patient. It might be a neighbor or a very dear friend, and, too, you create the feeling, "What do they tell the next patient about me?"

When the parent's presence in the operating room is such, they get the child excited and Doctor thinks they should leave, let him tell them; they resent it from you. He can convey the idea that it is better for their child to be alone with him. They will understand it coming from him, but from you it sounds impudent; and what parent won't do what is best for their child?

When you are sure your patient's face is clean, give them their glasses and bridge work. Let them see you put the dark glasses they have worn in the sterilizer. Talk to them about keeping their bridge work bright, as we were told not long ago at one of our meetings. They like it. It makes them feel that you are really interested in them.

Always wait to say a gracious "good-bye," no matter how untidy your operating room; it leaves a better feeling. After all, you've given them your time thus far, that extra few minutes means so much. They go out with a good feeling toward you. Who knows they might meet Mrs. Jones at the corner; you all know how we like to talk about where we've been, etc. The first thing you know Mrs. Jones is saying, "Well, Dr. Brown doesn't do that to me," or "Miss Smith doesn't make me feel as comfortable as she might." Your satisfied patient is a boon to you.

Don't forget courtesy cards, or notes, to a person who has referred a

patient to you. It means a lot to them and only takes a minute of your time. Not long ago in my particular office a patient was referred to us by another patient, who hadn't been in for some time. I sent a card (as I usually do). She called the patient as soon as she received it, telling her what a lovely card she received from Miss O'Brien. No doubt a lengthy telephone conversation ensued, relating the details of the visit to my office. A few days later the patient who received the card called for an appointment. I don't say it was entirely due to the courtesy card, but I do say it helped.

I don't know how many of you keep a call list. I do. Some of my patients are called every three months, some four, and others six. Naturally, the easiest answer or the first thing that enters their mind is, "I'll call you later for an appointment." You must stress the advantage of a prophylaxis and examination at that time, without becoming too forceful. Telling them the cavities (if they do have any) will be small, and the fillings will last longer, and don't forget to tell them the fee will be lower. Nine times out of ten, they make an appointment before you hang up. I advise you not to force yourself too much, especially these trying days, but I certainly would not take the first "I will call you" for my answer.

Don't be in a hurry to leave your office at night. Always leave it in such a condition that you wouldn't be ashamed if Doctor should take someone in when you weren't there. There are lots of things we don't like to do, but you'll find if you do them cheerfully they'll be over with before you know it and you'll begin to wonder what there was to it that you dreaded so.

I hope you've noticed I have said my office. I feel that it is my office, as if every cent invested were my very

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## Looking Thru Keyholes

By B. W. Stallard, D.D.S., 6019 Madison Road, Cincinnati, O.

(Continued from April issue)

AS before stated, thanks to the researches of Huxley, Darwin and others, "*keyhole lookers*" all, man has now definitely found himself to be a part of Nature's great masterpiece, and subject to her laws. Until the last few thousand years, these were his only laws, tho he did not know it. If he obeyed them he survived; if he disregarded them he perished. There was no place in nature's scheme for the weakling, physical or mental. The physically weak passed early out of the picture, while the fool-killer was on the job every day to take care of those who were not sufficiently alert mentally to take care of themselves. Only those of average physical and mental endowment or better were left to carry on the race, and as both of these traits are now known to be hereditary, we can see where nature's seeming brutality was ever working for the betterment of mankind, and developing him to the high stage he had reached when civilization dawned; but in comparatively recent times man has attempted to take his destiny into his own hands. Had he worked in harmony with nature's plan he might have achieved a society mentally, morally and physically beyond our conception. But, ignorant of nature's laws, he has endeavored to work out his own salvation with, I am afraid, rather disastrous results. Society, today, is in a jam. Our hospitals, insane asylums, orphanages, penitentiaries, and other institutions, are crowded as never before, making an ever increasing financial strain on the comparatively few outside who are able to earn a surplus. Crime is rampant and on the increase. The class

from which springs the real intelligence of the country, is finding it more and more difficult to meet the financial obligations of their position in life. And this is the class from which must come our leaders, our scientists. Various countries are trying different systems of government to find relief. Italy has its Fascism, Germany its Naziism, Russia its Communism, while in this country we have seen a change almost as radical.

Does this mean that society is never to be able to perpetuate itself? Must there be a continual rising and falling of civilizations? Have the "*Keyhole lookers*" nothing to say on this momentous question, which means far more to the welfare of the race, than does the question as to whether the universe is expanding or contracting, or whether the Leonids that were to have appeared here last week have gone rambling off to Jupiter's backyard? Well, yes, they have plenty to say, but few to listen to their warning.

They tell us plainly that as are the parents, so are the children. They tell us plainly that heredity and environment determine the character of coming generations with a strong probability that heredity is the predominant factor. They tell us that criminals tend to produce criminals, feeble-minded to produce feeble-minded, and leaders to produce leaders. They then tell us to look at the vital statistics, based on the last census, and draw our own conclusions as to which classes will predominate in coming generations. They tell us that as a nation we exalt and reward physical prowess, financial acumen and ability to star on the picture screen, far above scientific genius or



intelligence, which means leadership. They tell us that we select our students for West Point and Annapolis on the basis of their mental ability; give them four years of intensive training, rejecting those that cannot keep up the pace, and after years of practical experience select the ablest for generalship, when few of them are ever called upon to direct a battle. But we often select our civic leaders, in whose hands we cheerfully rest our hopes of happiness and prosperity, on the basis of who is the best hand-shaker, mixer, and good-fellow in general, the political economy may be utterly beyond their powers of comprehension. They tell us that Medical Science is preserving the lives of the mentally and physically unfit; who in turn, reproduce more of the physically and mentally unfit, to be saved by Medical Science for a like purpose and in a rapidly increasing proportion, all of whom are nurtured at the expense of society. They tell us that the preservation part of this program is the result of our soft hearts and is to be commended, but the reproduction feature is a problem to be handled not by soft hearts but by hard heads. They tell us finally, that Nature, through her process of the "*Survival of the Fittest*" looks primarily to the welfare of the race, while society looks to the welfare of the individual, and, they add, for a time will get away with it.

And now that we have heard what some of these "*Keyhole Lookers*" of

today have to say to us about some of our social science customs, we don't like it; in all probability we don't believe it; and furthermore, we won't stand for it, which brings to mind the title of an old song, "*Just the Same as Our Fathers Were Before Us.*" But if we may judge the future by the past, if there is any truth in the evidence that I have presented in this paper, then sooner or later an age will come that will not be satisfied with our policy of rating and rewarding notoriety above mentality, of passing this law and that to control crime, while doing nothing to suppress the propagation of habitual criminals, of building additions to this institution and that, for the care of the mentally and physically unfit, but caring not at all how they pollute the bloodstream of future generations, but instead it will turn to those old dispensers of the truth, the "*Keyhole Lookers*" of their day, and ask them to look again at nature's masterpiece and there find guidance for a weak and wandering child, that, like the prodigal son, has gone astray, but tiring of the husks, now desires to come back for guidance to the mother that gave it birth and who will aid it to start anew, saving as much of the old as is fit, but working along a line that is biologically sound they will establish a society founded upon the rock of nature's truth, which posterity, in turn, may carry on thru never ending improvement.

### Helpful Hints

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own. I wouldn't do anything in that office that I wouldn't want an employe of mine to do. This sounds like a lot. It is a lot of endless, tiresome duties to someone who isn't interested in her work. If you're not, I advise

you to leave it, make a change, not only for your own good but for the Doctor who employs you and the patients who come to that office, for all you'll ever be is an "office girl," and a "dental nurse" loves her work.



## Question Box\*

Elizabeth V. Shoemaker  
Kew Plaza, Kew Gardens, N. Y.



*Q. Do you think a Registered Nurse is necessary in the office of a Dental Surgeon, where only surgery is done?*

A. Oral Surgeons usually prefer a Registered Nurse as their training covers the emergencies that arise in this department of dentistry. In administering gas, a trained medical nurse is certainly indicated.

*Q. Is it necessary to use distilled water in mixing, developing and fixing solutions?*

A. Distilled water is preferable as it does not contain dirt or chemicals. Especially in districts where the water is unusually hard or where pipes are rusty, distilled water should be used. This can be bought at any drug store.

*Q. Should sharp edged instruments be placed in the sterilizer?*

A. All sharp edged instruments should have the blades wrapped in gauze if placed in the sterilizer.

*Q. How much laboratory work is done by an Assistant in the average office?*

A. It is well for all Assistants to know the laboratory work done in her particular office, such as making models, inlays, base-plates, etc. Polishing bridge and dentures is usually required and the making

of Art Models for the Orthodontist. If plate work is done in the office, setting up of teeth will be required.

*Q. Please give to a beginner in a dental office, the names of some of the Operative Instruments.*

A. Secure an instrument catalogue from any dental supply house and learn the names from the illustrations. A mental picture will be a great help in memorizing the names.

*Q. The gummed numerals used for marking Orthodontia models drop off after a short time tho the mucilage on the numerals is still present. Can you suggest a remedy?*

A. Before applying these numerals, roughen a tiny place on the model where you wish to stick the numerals. Do this with a fine sand paper disk held in the fingers. You will find that the numerals stick to the roughened spot.

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### Do you know that—

There is a preparation on the market that removes all stains from cuspidors without harming the metal attachments? Send us a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we will enlighten you.

\* We invite our readers to send in questions and suggestions. Personal replies will be sent upon receipt of self addressed and stamped envelope. Data must be received by the 3rd of the month for the issue of the succeeding month. Send to ELIZABETH V. SHOEMAKER, Kew Plaza, Kew Gardens, N. Y.

## Secretary's Corner

Ruth M. Clark, 1-4 Seafield Bldg., Minot, N. D.

**SOCIETIES** please note: **Dues are now past due.** Please do not delay longer in sending dues and subscription money to this office. If there is a good reason why you cannot submit dues within the next few weeks kindly advise me promptly. Your word on the matter will save considerable correspondence on the part of the general secretary. **THANKS.** Please do not fail to send in the names and addresses of newly elected officers of State and component societies. In order to keep up a complete and correct mailing list this information is very necessary.

Seattle, Wash. New officers:—

President—Elizabeth Forsythe, 4507 University Way. Secretary—Hazel L. Dresser, 818 Cobb Bldg.

Vice-President—Helen Marrs. Treasurer—Rose Minch.

Board of Directors—Lillian Evans, Florence Zwiers.

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### Today

This little strip of light  
"Twixt night and night  
Let me keep bright To Day.

And let no shadow of tomorrow  
Nor gloom of yesterday  
Obscure To-Day.

And if tomorrow should be sad,  
Or never come at all,  
I've had at least To-Day.

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#### Do you know that—

The Aircraft Carrier *Lexington* carries a complete dental office. The Naval dentists are especially trained for this service.

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#### Do you know that—

Small cash envelopes with the patient's name typed in the upper left

hand corner, last name first, are useful for filing removed Orthodontia appliances.

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#### Do you know that—

The N. Y. State Temporary Relief treated 5,000 patients in one week. It is located in the Seamen's Church Institute on South Street, New York City.

## Talking It Over

By Edith C. Weinhart, Editor, 835 Medical Arts Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.

THE thin, square envelope with its French postmarks was the most intriguing piece of mail in the pile of letters that morning and so we opened it first. "The Officers of the American Dental Society of Europe extend to you a cordial invitation to attend our Meeting at The Hague, Holland, May 18 to 21, 1934." It's an interesting pastime to attend that meeting in imagination and we wish we might show our appreciation of this added professional recognition by accepting that invitation.

Delightful as that is to think about we need not depend on our imaginations for our professional meetings this year. Plans are now being made for the Tenth Annual Convention of the American Dental Assistants Association to be held in St. Paul, Minn., August 6 to 10, 1934. We are told that the railroad rates this year will be very attractive and the hotel rates are not only modest but due to the demand for rooms, we are urged to save money by adding cots to the rooms so convention attendance will be in proportion to 1934 budgets.

Through the courtesy of the American Dental Association we have been assigned the Hotel Saint Francis, 7th and Wabasha Streets, St. Paul, Minn., for our convention. To avoid any misunderstandings or disappointments, it is desirable for you to make your reservations directly with the hotel receiving their acknowledgment of accommodations held for you. *Reservations will be regarded as a contract with the hotel and you will be expected to notify the hotel of any change in plans prior to convention time.* Rates are as follows: single rooms with bath \$2.50 to \$3.50; double rooms with bath \$4.00 and \$4.50; twin bed rooms with bath \$5.00 and

up. Cots will be added for \$1.50 per day and if there are several members from your society planning to attend the meeting, you are urged to take advantage of the opportunity of having three or more in your room. Please write for your reservations promptly.

Those of you who attended the Fourth Annual Meeting in Minneapolis will not have forgotten the delightful hospitality of the Minnesota girls nor their capacity for efficient organization of the detail of a convention, so we look forward to celebrating our Tenth Birthday in Minnesota. Members of the Convention Committee will be remembered by many of you: Agnes Danielson, Chairman; Ann MacDonald, and Margaret Larson.

If you have formed the habit of combining vacation with convention, you will find very pleasant possibilities in this convention location. Many of you will find Chicago on your route where the World's Fair will be open with many new features added for 1934. Then Minnesota is a real Land o' Lakes with much beauty and a delightful summer climate. If you desire further information concerning vacation plans in Minnesota, write the Convention Chairman, Agnes Danielson, 720 La Salle Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. Information concerning trips on the Great Lakes en route, or other travel information may be secured from the A.D.A.A. Transportation Chairman, Nancy Johnson.

Let's make this Tenth Annual Convention one of real professional worth and inspiration such as can come only from a large meeting of members from every society.

RUTH F. ROGERS, *President.*

## Notices

### Clinics and Exhibits

**L**ETTERS of instructions regarding the clinics for the Tenth Annual meeting were mailed to each president of the societies, local and state. As we have only three months more until the national meeting, the Chairman of Clinics and Exhibits is asking that you send in the information required on or before June 1st. Neglect in answering causes much unnecessary correspondence and delays formulation of plans.

PLEASE COOPERATE WITH A PROMPT RESPONSE; IT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

MARY M. CONNOLLY, *Chairman.*

### Attention—Dental Assistants and Other Subscribers to the Dental Assistant

Too many complaints have been coming in to my office about not receiving the DENTAL ASSISTANT. And the ones who are the loudest complainers are the worst offenders. Your issue cannot be sent to you unless we have your change of address and name. If you are planning on changing your business or home address, send in your name and address *at once* and I will check it against my files. You do not want to miss any of these issues, as they are so full of good material and it would be a great loss to you to be without them.

PLEASE SEND ME ALL INQUIRIES ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS.

SUZANNE OLDFSON, *Subscription Manager.*

### To All Presidents

Did you read the February-March issue of the DENTAL ASSISTANT, page 31? Like the letter that we sometimes are obliged to send out to some of our forgetful patients, you forgot it—didn't you? I am sure that is what happened to the societies with the exception of one, the Portland Dental Assistants Society. There is also the old saying, "Silence gives consent." Maybe all the members are going to attend the convention. We hope so, but we would like a reply to our request. THANKS.

NANCY E. JOHNSON, *Transportation Chairman.*

### Special Notice

*Firstly*, I desire to thank ALL my friends who have sent me wonderful messages of sympathy on the passing of my friend and employer of many years, our Honorary Member, Dr. Henry Fowler; these expressions of interest and friendship have been very helpful to me, and some day I shall try and answer them personally.

*Secondly*, I ask that all letters in future addressed to me, whether personal or for magazine affairs, etc., be sent in care of the Madison Square Press, 318 West 39th Street, New York City; if any change takes place, I will have a notice inserted in our magazine giving information as to where I can be reached . . . May I close by saying "God keep you ALL, till we meet again," and many thanks for your many kindnesses.

JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD.

## In Memoriam

### To the Members of the American Dental Assistants Association

**I**N THE passing of DR. HENRY FOWLER, Honorary Member of the American Dental Assistants Association, we have sustained an irreparable loss.

Just two weeks before his passing it was my privilege to have a long talk with Dr. Fowler, in which he spoke feelingly of his interest in dental assistants, how proud he was of their accomplishments of the past ten years, the friendships he had made, and how he hoped we would go on to even greater achievements. His pride in our magazine was inspiring and he urged me to secure the support of our membership for the magazine because he honestly felt every dental assistant needed it.

To know Dr. Fowler was to love him. He was gentle, kindly, and contributed much to the aims of our association. Dr. Fowler gave freely of himself and his knowledge whenever possible to aid all dental assistants; he was ever sympathetic with our ideals, and lent encouragement in our endeavors.

"He wears a truer crown  
Than any wreath that man can  
weave him.

We doubt not that for one so true  
There must be other nobler work  
to do."  
—Tennyson.

HELEN H. FITTING,  
1st Vice-President, A.D.A.A.

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The following resolutions were passed by the Educational and Efficiency Society for Dental Assistants, 1st District, New York, Inc., at the meeting of April 10, 1934.

WHEREAS, in the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Henry Fowler, our honorary member, on March 31, 1934, in his 67th year, the members of this society have lost a worthy friend, and

WHEREAS, we, the members of this society do hereby voice our sorrow and express our sense of great loss at his untimely passing, and

WHEREAS, in his enthusiasm for the furtherance of the ideals of our society, he was ever ready to assist and

advise the members and to take part in the meetings, therefor, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Educational and Efficiency Society for Dental Assistants, 1st District, New York, Inc., tender their heartfelt sympathy to the family of their dear departed friend, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this society and copies sent to the family and to the dental journals for publication.

ROBINA A. MCMURDO, *Recording Secretary.*



## Friends of Dr. Henry Fowler:

**I**T WAS my great privilege to enjoy for approximately thirty years the friendship of the one who now reposes serene in the majesty of death. To us who knew him, despite his desire for a simple and an unostentatious funeral, it seems a sacrilege to allow him to go on into the long dark night without a brief eulogy—without some verbal evidence of our deep affection for and appreciation of him.

I have been a physician for more than forty years. That has given me an opportunity to know men—to know them intimately. And I can truthfully say that to few has it been given to mean so much to so many persons. His friends were legion and to each he gave an unusual measure of sympathy and consideration that helped smooth the paths they trod. Each one here might tell of some kindness Dr. Fowler had done for him. Without great wealth he gave liberally to those less fortunate. It was his custom, for example, to take each week, for an automobile ride, inmates from a home for the aged and he always asked them to select the route which they preferred and what places they wished to go. A genuine philosopher, he gave sane and practical advice to those who needed it. He despised greed and the pettiness of men. He loathed the orthodoxy of religion which kept true men apart. He believed with his whole being in lending a helping hand to those in distress.

He was as honest as the day was long.

Rich in the knowledge of his profession, he gave much to science and his true worth was deeply evidenced by his associates who repeatedly honored him by electing him to offices of trust in their societies.

Despite the fact that he knew he was doomed, he never faltered—never gave the slightest evidence of the great physical torture he was experiencing. Death had no terrors for him. He held off the shadowy ferryman from across the uncharted sea of eternity as long as possible, because life was sweet and he hated to leave his friends, to whom his devotion and his loyalty was outstanding. He came as near Wadsworth's definition of a true gentleman as anyone I ever knew for he was as manly as a man and as gentle as a woman, and I may appropriately quote from the words of Ingersoll at the funeral of his brother, as a fitting conclusion to my remarks and say, "If each one for whom he had done some kindness during his life was to place a rose upon his bier, he would sleep tonight beneath a mountain of flowers."

Your days here, my dear old friend, were well spent and you left a trail of melody and happiness across the lives of those who mourn your passing. And so, Doctor Henry Fowler, good night and good bye.

*(The above was a tribute to Dr. Fowler, given by W. E. Aughinbaugh, M.D., at the services held in New York City, April 2, 1934.)*

### "We Know Not the Master Cometh"

By BARBARA MILLER,

"With the long day's work before you,  
You rise up with the sun,  
And the neighbors come in to talk a little  
Of all that must be done;  
Remember that I may be the next  
To come in at the door,  
To call you from all your busy work  
For evermore."

From the poem entitled "Coming"

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## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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### Advantages of a Dental Assistant

**I**F a girl has the opportunity of entering a good training school she would be unwise to refuse the offer. This is the situation the unexperienced assistant is given. The discipline and routine should be an improvement both mentally and physically. Her outlook on life is broadened and, if she is the right type of person, she becomes a capable woman. Although, with everyone else, Dental Assistants have suffered during the past two years from lack of work, as times improve the outlook will brighten and the demand for Dental Assistants will increase.

A personality can be made or marred by the clothes worn. So it is with the uniforms worn by assistants.

Don'ts of a uniform:

Don't wear it fitting like the paper on the wall.

Don't wear it too short.

Don't decorate it with jewelry.

A tall, well-developed figure can wear designs which would be quite unsuitable for a small, slight figure. Some figures can wear almost any fashion; other figures must study their line of contour.

Progress for the future Dental Assistant will be the sum total of all individual endeavors. Thus you will realize (no doubt have already accepted) your own part in this great forward movement, which is progress. If you are to play your part, valuably, you must not be a drag, but fill a useful place and faithfully maintain it, not only in your own organization but in the National.

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HARRIET G. HAMANN, *Contributing Editor.*

## What Is Expected of a Delegate

WHEN you have been elected to officially represent all the members of your Society, strive to accept the responsibility most seriously. It is indeed an honor and distinction, and with that goes lots of hard work. In other words, are you going to represent your Society intelligently and creditably? And contribute something to the success of the meeting? You never know when you are creating an impression and setting a good example when attending a National Convention.

First think of your personal appearance and the manner in which you conduct yourself at all times. Be on the job; be prompt. Be interested in everything. Remember everything that takes place at a National Meeting is valuable and important and should by all means be taken back to your respective Societies. Don't miss anything! Prepare yourself to bring back to your girls suggestions and ideas that will be worth the sacrifice necessary to send you on this journey to St. Paul in August. It won't be long until we convene again! LET'S GET READY!

MARIE SILLAY SHAW, *Contributing Editor*,  
Atlanta, Ga.

## Ain't This the Truth?

If you want to get a favor done  
By some obliging friend,  
And want a promise, safe and sure,  
On which you may depend,  
Don't go to him who always has  
Much leisure time to plan  
But if you want your favor done,  
Just ask the busy man.

The man with leisure never has  
A moment he can spare,  
He's always "putting off" until  
His friends are in despair  
But he whose every waking hour  
Is crowded full of work

Forgets the art of wasting time—  
He cannot stop to shirk.

So when you want a favor done  
And want it right away,  
Go to the man who constantly  
Works twenty-four hours a day,  
He'll find a moment sure, somewhere  
That has no other use,  
And fix you while the idle man  
Is framing an excuse.

Sent in by—  
Sarah Hood, Pres. of the Phila. D. N. Assn.

## To a Very Nice Dentist

*With apologies to Marion Koppell*

I never thought that a tooth extraction  
Could be such a sweet and pleasant subtraction;  
I never believed that cleaning and drilling,  
Could ever be so deliciously thrilling;  
Oh, I never believed, I never suspected  
My heart and my teeth were so closely connected!

Sent in by— Esther Kahn, N. Y. City

## This and That\*

By Ethel Whinton, Memphis, Tenn.

**THE Georgia girls** are keeping up their pep with benefit bridge parties, a Kid party, and Marie Shaw attending a board meeting in pajamas. Ain't you got no 'Raisin' Marie? Louise Dismukes recently attended a meeting of the State D.A.A.

**Evelyn Kemp** of Detroit is recovering from that terrible illness pneumonia, much to the delight of their society. Don't everyone rush at once when you learn that Ruth Rogers and Dr. Chas. Lane make fine hostess and host and really serve a fine feed—gratis. Shhh! That's the secret of how Ruth gained the 10 pounds. Moral—Stop Eating.

**Cupid seems** to shoot his arrow continually in Los Angeles. Ruby Judkins is now Mrs. Schneider and Sara Sibley is Mrs. Don Borden. The Surf and Sand Club in Hermosa was the scene of a very swanky supper dance a la dental assistants recently. The U. S. Navy contributed a lot of color, one lieutenant being especially attentive to the most worthy president.

**The Tacoma Society** has a brand new member—a baby girl born to Katie Tennyson Geers. A matrimonial object is taking Peggy Clayton to Oakland, Calif. The Tacoma girls will regret that it will no longer be possible for Cassie to *Bring Peg*. Tacoma dentists attended a benefit luncheon in a body, sitting at one long reserved table. (Their assistants will treat anyone having more loyal support of their dentists). The beloved "three musketeers", Vivian Sherman, Marjorie Hatfield, and Edith Weinhart are taking special training at Racine's Western Institute of Accountancy.

**Augusta Taylor** of Fremont, Neb.

has given a Silver Trophy for the best clinic at the state meet, and Omaha offered \$5.00 for the best local clinic.

**Gladys Cook** of Allentown, Pa. and Grace Weber of Quakertown are the new members of the Lehigh Assn. Carolyn Rymon is receiving congratulations on that "sparkler" on her left hand.

**The lucky winner** of the cedar chest filled with articles donated by the San Diego girls will feel that her dime was well spent. It's an attractive outfit.

**The Seattle girls** gave interesting instructive demonstrations at the Mid-winter Clinic in Amalgam, Dentocoll, Gold Foil, Records, Gauze, Sponges, Porcelain and Cement Mixing, and Etiquette. After office hours you will find Helen Marrs skating at the ice arena, Florence Zevier skiing on Sunday—(black and blue on Monday) and Ruth Strathdee bicycling on Sunday and thankful for a standing up job on Monday.

**Dayton is proud** of 4 new members—Blanche Overpeck and her committee have been working overtime on the job. These Dayton girls have struggled together and laughed their way thru some trying times to find themselves real pals together. A card party at Mrs. Hazel Mental's is on the program for them.

**Hilda Bowman** of Toledo has been laid up with a leg injury and all are hoping that she can soon lay aside the cane. Myra Decker has added another last name and the handle. Mrs. Nina Barron is planning the same. It seems that Toledo will take any prize offered for the number of brides. Betty Decker is a new member, and Agnes Halker is in the ranks

again. Some of the girls have just completed a 2 weeks course in assisting. It seems that these Toledo assistants are on the job—100% for each other and their society.

**On the program** of the Tri-State meet (Okla., Kan., Mo.) we note the names of Aloise Clements, Marian

Quinlan, May Yancy and Dr. C. R. Lawrence.

**We are happy** to report that Audrey Hamett and Winnie Hill of Kansas City are well again. Julia Robinson, Aida Kagay, Delma Riley, Lillian Howard and Audrey Hamett will clinic at the meeting.

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“Hold fast to your dreams within your heart,  
Keep one, still, secret spot where dreams may go,  
And sheltered so, may thrive and grow,  
Where doubt and fear are not.  
O, keep a place apart, within your heart  
For little dreams to go.”

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## The Use of Abrasives in Prophylaxis

By Sidney Rauschenberg, C.E., San Diego, Calif.

**C**ARE should be exercised in the selection of abrasives used on the teeth in prophylaxis. Microscopic research has shown that commercial pumice, silix, etc., of varying harshness may score the enamel into grooves invisible to the eye. A blending of various grades and finenesses of abrasives serves to nullify such dangers, yet rapid scouring and cleaning properties can be maintained. However, this is a problem for the laboratory expert. Seen under the microscope, the cutting edges of harsh abrasives are extremely sharp. Certain ones will break down immediately with use, while others retain their properties and cause damage to the enamel of the teeth resulting in the harboring of bacteria and minute secretions which develop carious tendencies and weaknesses of structure.

A properly compounded prophylactic paste contains cutting abrasives and cushioning ingredients that blend into a homogeneous mass, removing accumulations rapidly, at the same time eliminating the danger of vicious scoring. The unscientific mixing of untested abrasives with tooth-paste, and such similarly compounded substitutes for prophylactic work, is a dangerous and uneconomical practice. The preparation of this feature of professional service is largely in the hands of the dental assistant, and warrants careful consideration. Prophylaxis is frequently the dentist's introduction to new patients, and is of the utmost importance.

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(Mr. Rauschenberg will answer questions if addressed in care of Sterile Products Co., 724-4th Ave., San Diego, California. Send stamped and addressed envelope for replies—EDITOR).

## Calendar of Meetings\*

Vivian C. Sherman, 1519 Washington Building, Tacoma, Wash.

### CALIFORNIA

#### Los Angeles D.A. Assn.

*Meeting*—May 11th, 1934, 6:30 p.m.

*Place*—L'Aileen Dining Salon, 12th floor, Brooks Shop Building.

*Program*—Short address. Nomination of Officers.

*Report* of class on X-ray work, meeting once a month.

Elvera Henkes, Chm. Publ., University Professional Bldg., Westwood Village, Los Angeles.

#### San Diego Co. D. A. Society

*Meeting*—May 28th, 1934, 6:30 p.m.

*Place*—Vincents Dining Room.

*Program*—Installation of Officers.

Roberta A. Steimke, Chm. Publ., 626 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.

### GEORGIA

#### 5th Dist. D. A. Soc., Atlanta.

*Meeting*—May 10th, 1934, 6 p.m.

*Place*—815 Candler Bldg.

*Annual Meeting.*

*Election of Officers.*

Marie S. Shaw, Chm. Publ., 810 Candler Bldg.

### ILLINOIS

#### Peoria D.A. Assn.

*Meeting*—May 8th, 1934, 6 p.m.

*Speaker*—Miss Anne Cose.

*Topic*—"Sterilization."

Lula Pursifull, 805 Peoria Life Bldg.

### MARYLAND

#### D. A. Assn. of Maryland

*Meeting*—May 2nd, 1934, 8 p.m.

*Place*—Benton's Dental Depot, 533 No. Howard Street, Baltimore.

*Business Meeting.*

*Meeting*—May 7th, 8th, 9th, 1934.

*Place*—Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore.

Presentation of clinics before Maryland State Dental Association Annual State Meeting.

Lillian C. Humbert, 2912 Rueckert Avenue, Hamilton, Baltimore.

### MICHIGAN

#### Detroit D. A. Society

*Meeting*—May 1st, 1934, 7:15 p.m.

*Place*—Eaton Tower.

*Business Meeting.*

Proper Arrangement of Flowers, by Breitmeyer's Floral Company.

*Meeting*—May 15th, 1934, 7:15 p.m.

*Place*—Eaton Tower.

*Business Meeting.*

*Clinic*—"Supplies," by Bessie Burleigh and Laura Harvey.

*Current Events*—Marian Stein.

Dental Anatomy classes are held every second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at the University of Detroit Dental College, 640 E. Jefferson, Dr. Kyprie conducting. Next carving lesson, "How to Carve Inlays."

Corinne Noran, 2577 Van Dyke Ave., Detroit.

### MISSOURI

#### Kansas City D. A. Assn.

*Meeting*—May 28th, 1934, 7 p.m.

*Place*—Myron Green's Snack Shop.

*Dinner*—6 p.m.

*Election of Officers.*

Louise Trial, Chm. Publ., 924 Professional Bldg.

*Tri State Meeting*—May 6th-9th.

*Place*—Kansas City.

*Program:*

May 6th, 1934—Registration.

May 7th, 9 a.m.—Registration.

9:30 A.M.—Convention called to order. Welcome Address, Lillian Howard; Response, Kansas and Oklahoma.

10:15 A.M.—Aloise Clement, Oma-



ha, Neb.; Subject: Selected.

11:30 A.M.—Special Session of Kansas Society.

12:00—Luncheon.

2 P.M.—Dr. Frank M. Casto, Cleveland, Ohio, "The Age at Which Orthodontic Interference is Indicated."

3 P.M.—Miss Marian Quinlan, Child Psychologist.

Tuesday, May 8th, 9:30 A.M.—Dr. A. L. Walters, Tulsa, Okla., "Food Classification."

10:30 A.M.—Chas. Eacock, Eastman Co., Medical Division.

11:30 A.M.—Miss May Yancy, Enid, Okla., "The Assistant's Part in the Conduct of a Dental Practice."

12:30 P.M.—Luncheon, Muehlebach Hotel.

3 P.M.—Dr. C. R. Lawrence, Enid, Okla., "Some Factors of Importance to the Dental Assistant in the Management of a Dental Office."

4 P.M.—State Business Meeting.

Wednesday, May 9th, 9:30 a.m.—Dr. G. D. Dodson, Muskogee, Okla., "Organization."

10:30 A.M.—Dr. J. A. Jacobsmeyer, St. Louis, Mo., "Prophylaxis."

12:00—Luncheon.

2 p.m.—Clinics.

Muehlebach Hotel—Headquarters for Oklahoma.

Phillips Hotel—Headquarters for Kansas.

Hotel Kansas Citian—Headquarters for Missouri.

## NEBRASKA

### Omaha D. A. Society

Meeting—May 8th, 1934.

Place—Medical Arts Auditorium.

Speaker—Dr. F. Cohn.

Topic—Review of Anthony Adverse.

Mary Haney, 2210½ Military Ave.

## NEW JERSEY

### Monmouth County D. A. Assn.

Meeting—May 23rd, 1934, 7:45 p.m.

Place—2 Third Ave., Long Branch, N. J.

Speaker—Dr. I. L. Yaffe.

Topic—To be announced.

Ena Barkalow, Chm. Publ., 16 West Main Street, Freehold, N. J.

## NEW YORK

### D. A. Assn., State of N. Y.

Meeting—May 10-12, 1934.

Place—Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y. Sixth Annual Meeting.

Speakers—Members of the Dental Profession and Members of the Association.

Topics—Subjects of Interest to the Dental Assistant.

Clinics—Clinics depicting the work of the Dental Assistant will be presented by members of the constituent societies in conjunction with the clinics of the Dental Society of the State of New York.

Gertrude Carhart, Acting President, 333 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

### D. A. Study Club, 2nd District

Meeting—May 18th, 1934, 8 P.M.

Place—62 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Clinic Rooms of 2nd District D. S.

Fifth Annual Meeting—Reports of Officers and Chairman of Committees, and Annual Report of Officers. Election of Officers for 1934-35.

Marguerite W. Simpson, 103 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## OHIO

### Dayton D. A. Assn.

Meeting—Monday, May 15, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

Place—Offices of Drs. F. W. Cockerill and N. T. Pavey.

Speakers—Two and three minute talks by members of the association on self-selected subjects.

Mary Chase, President, 740 Fidelity Medical Bldg.

## OREGON

### Portland D. A. Society

Meeting—May 1, 1934.

Place—Selling Bldg., Suite 622.

This is the last monthly meeting until fall, and as is the custom, will be observed as "Fun Nite." The members will have dinner together, followed by entertainment.

Harriet Hamann, Chm. Publ., 1003 Selling Bldg., Portland.

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Pittsburgh D. A. Assn.**

*Meeting*—May 2nd, 1934.

*Place*—William Penn Hotel.

*Meeting* held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Dental Meeting.

*Clinics*—"Do's and Dont's", "Instrument Care", "Scrap Books", "Entertainment for the Child Patient", "X-ray Mounting", and "Carvings of the Dental Anatomy Class."

*Luncheon*—William Penn Hotel.

*General Meeting*—Subjects and speakers to be announced later.

*Meeting*—May 22nd, 1934.

*Place*—To be announced.

*Installation* of new officers and annual report of all officers and committees.

Roberta M. Grossman, Pres., 1227 Sandusky Street.

### **WASHINGTON**

#### **Seattle District D. A. Assn.**

*Meeting*—May 2nd, 1934, 6:30 P.M.

*Place*—Mayflower Hotel.

*Annual Banquet*—Ceremonial Inauguration of new officers. Bridge. Newly elected officers will be found in the "Secretary's Corner."

Hazel L. Dresser, 818 Cobb Bldg.

#### **Tacoma D. A. Society**

*Meeting*—May 3rd, 1934, 7:30 P.M.

*Place*—Medical Arts Auditorium.

*Speaker*—Dr. Frederick M. Howe.

*Topic*—"Premedication to Local Anesthesia in Dentistry."

*Election* of Officers.

Vivian C. Sherman, Publ. Chm., 1519 Washington Bldg., Tacoma.

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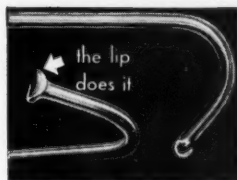
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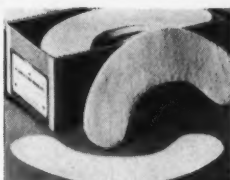


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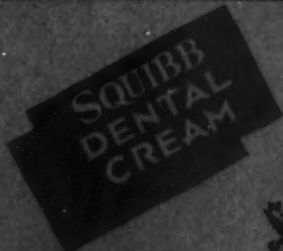
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